### TRICARE POLICY MANUAL 6010.54-M, AUGUST 1, 2002

SURGERY

Chapter 4
Section 16.1

# INTERSEX SURGERY

ISSUE DATE: August 26, 1985

AUTHORITY: 32 CFR 199.4(e)(7) and (g)(29)

# I. CPT<sup>1</sup> PROCEDURE CODE RANGE

55970 - 55980

#### II. DESCRIPTION

Intersex involves an individual who shows intermingling, in varying degrees, of the characteristics of each sex, including physical form, reproductive organs, and sexual behavior.

## III. POLICY

Surgery performed to correct sex gender confusion (i.e., ambiguous genitalia) which has been documented to be present at birth is a covered benefit.

#### IV. EXCLUSION

All services and supplies directly and indirectly related to intersex surgery <u>for other than ambiguous genitalia</u> documented to be present at birth, are excluded from cost-sharing.

- END -

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> CPT codes, descriptions and other data only are copyright 2004 American Medical Association. All rights reserved. Applicable FARS/DFARS Restrictions Apply to Government use.